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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM UNA

FOL RPT CAPE TOWN 698 SENT ACTION SECSTATE
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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 698

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DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC, PARM, SF
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR MATTERS: SAG RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL TALKS

REF: CAPE TOWN 581,

1. BRAND FOURIE THIS AFTERNOON CONVEYED TO ME ORALLY
THE SAG RESPONSE TO LAST MONTH'S TECHNICAL TALKS.
THE MESSAGE WAS: "THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOUND
THESE TALKS INTERESTING AND USEFUL, AND AS PREVIOUSLY
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INDICATED IT IS READY FOR, AND IN FACT IS LOOKING FORWARD
TO, DISCUSSIONS OF BROADER ISSUES ON THE BASIS OF PM
VORSTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER."

2. COMMENTING THAT THIS RESPONSE DID NOT ADVANCE US
ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, I ASKED HIM WHETHER HE HAD ANYTHING
MORE SPECIFIC TO SAY WITH REGARD TO OUR PROPOSAL ON FUELS,

SAFEGUARDS, AND NPT. HE REPLIED THAT THE MESSAGE HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE TWO CABINET MINISTERS CONCERNED (PIK BOTHA AND S.P. BOTHA) AND THE PRIME MINISTER, AND HE COULD NOT EXPAND ON IT AT THIS TIME.

3. COMMENT: THIS RESPONSE LEAVES US ON SQUARE ONE. IT SHOWS THAT THE SAG IS EITHER NOT INTERESTED IN SAFEGUARDS OR NPT OR IS STILL HOPING TO PARLAY OUR INTEREST IN SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF SAFEGUARDS AND NPT AS A MEANS OF ACHIEVING A BROADER DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL ISSUES. I WILL BE SUBMITTING IN A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE MY IDEAS ON WHAT WE DO NEXT.
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